

# **Historic Yorktown Design Committee**

## **Minutes**

January 19, 2005  
East Room  
York Hall  
Yorktown, Virginia

**Members Attending:** Chuck Murray, Chairman  
Jennifer Carver  
Harvey Weinstein

**Staff Attending:** Mark Carter

Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. and turned the meeting over to Mr. Carter to conduct the election of the Chairman.

Mr. Carter opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chairman. Ms. Carver nominated Mr. Murray. Mr. Weinstein seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr. Murray was elected Chairman by unanimous vote.

Mr. Murray opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman. Ms. Carver nominated Mr. Weinstein. Mr. Murray seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr. Weinstein was elected Vice-Chairman by unanimous vote.

The minutes of the August 18, 2004 meeting were approved unanimously.

## **Applications:**

### **Application No. HYDC 3-04: Gary Freeman – GinTail Antiques Replacement Windows**

Mr. Carter gave a brief presentation on the applicant's request and reviewed the contents of his memorandum dated January 12, 2005.

Mr. Freeman presented his request to the Committee and noted that he was interested in creating more visual interest to the GinTail building by installing windows with the three-over-one grid pattern, with internal muntins. He said that his research indicates that external muntins are available only on new construction windows. Installation of a new construction window would require removal of

siding, which he does not want to do. He noted that a benefit of the replacement windows would be their insulating qualities, thus allowing the storm windows to be removed. He said that the proposed grid pattern is the same as is used on a house on Nelson Street.

Mr. Murray noted that the internal muntins would not be consistent with the original construction of the building. He said that a one-over-one style would maintain that consistency, but he would be willing to consider a 3-over-1 style if the muntins were external. He noted that if this were not a Contributing Structure, there would be more leeway for alternatives.

Mr. Weinstein noted that he was concerned about the precedent that would be set if the 3-over-1, internal muntins windows were approved. He noted that he liked the idea of adding visual interest to the windows by going to a 3-over-1 style, but not with internal muntins.

Ms. Carver noted that she had no problem with the replacement windows and the vinyl cladding, but could not support an internal muntin arrangement.

Further discussion on internal vs. external muntins and vinyl cladding followed.

Mr. Murray moved that the vinyl-clad and trimmed replacement windows be approved with a one-over-one light pattern and with the provision that the windows can be modified in the future to a three-over-one (vertical grid) style if external muntins are used. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Carter reported on an administrative approval for dormer repairs at the Moss Guest Cottage and also on potential applications involving the Duke of York Hotel and replacement windows for the Yorktown Baptist Church.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Carter, Secretary.